

TUITION: Should skyrocket, says economist President, most deans disagree

By ROB KELLY

A York University economics professor recommends that colleges and universities should be free to "charge what they will for tuition," but most Niagara College authorities disagree.

A. S. Manera, college president, and most deans completely disagreed with the report to the Ontario Economic Council by the professor, John Butterick. Only one, Dr. William Stuart, dean of technology, agreed. He felt students have been getting "quite a bargain."

Professor Butterick argued that in light of the sagging economy, the case for large-scale subsidization of post-secondary education is "very weak."

"Already so many young people have or will soon have post-secondary credentials that at least 10 per cent of them will be unable to obtain jobs of the sort they desire."

If tuition fees are not raised and the demand for improved higher education continues, both "costs and the proportion of young people who desire post-secondary education will almost certainly also rise," Professor Butterick warned.

"The result could easily create a budgetary problem for government."

Mr. Manera and Niagara College deans were asked for their reactions to Professor Butterick's assessment.

Mr. Manera called it "a regressive, reactionary recommendation."

If tuition were raised to cost level, most students couldn't attend the schools, he said. The price, between \$3,000 and \$5,000 would "close the door on students."

Deans Arnott McIntee and Fred Habermehl thought along the same lines as the president.

"It would almost seem that unless there is some kind of scholarship plan, special loans, or interest-free loans, the well-to-do would be the favored group," Mr. McIntee, dean of the school of business, said.

Mr. Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said he could never have made it through school without help.

John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, was completely opposed to tuition increases. "Fees are just about where they should be," he said.

Dr. Stuart of the school of technology was the only person

questioned who agreed with the report. He believed students have been getting quite a bargain until now, and that if "students had to pay more for their education, they would value it more."

The collective train of thought runs against jacking up tuition fees. Maybe most of those questioned are slightly biased in favor of higher learning, but Mr. Manera cited some interesting hard economic facts. In the present year, provincial spending has increased by 9.5 per cent while college revenue has increased by only 7.5 per cent. Last year the college revenue increase was smaller than the provincial spending increase, too, and the president thinks the trend will continue next year.

What this means is the college is getting a progressively smaller share of the provincial pie, but still getting along, and the president doesn't think that constitutes wasting money.

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A. S. MANERA

In the News

There was a time when \$5 went a long way. In fact, it even bought the Welland Evening Tribune, page 6.

Student loans — more for the lower income students, less for everybody else, page 3

Theatre Arts: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." A Christmas production for children nets 5,000 tickets — but the Theatre Centre is broken into yet again.

Remember all those names your mother told you not to call "different" people? A News feature reveals the origins of ethnic slurs, page 5.

Music — bluegrass by Boone Creek. "The finest group of bluegrass musicians to play in this area" has the audience stomping at the Polish Legion Hall in St. Catharines, page 11.



Barbara DaCosta, student representative; Brian Rohe, chairman of business division, discuss curriculum; Leo Desjardins, president of committees at the President's Student Advisory Committee; and Ivar Noren, Committee luncheon. (Photo by Newell)

All student gripes not heard

A specific decision about student complaints regarding curriculum committees will be announced at the next meeting of the President's Student Advisory Committee in January.

A. S. Manera, college president, made this commitment at the committee's last meeting Nov. 17, saying he would first discuss the matter with the faculty.

Student representatives at the meeting expressed widespread concern among students that curriculum committees are not effective for two reasons. Greg Bevan, a member of the Student Administrative Council (SAC), said many students worry that speaking out at a curriculum committee might affect their marks because they may have to go over a co-ordinator's head. SAC president Brian Rohe said being unable to consider instructors as part of curriculum prob-

lems is unfair because a course could be good but if the instructor cannot teach it properly it becomes inferior.

SAC executive member, Vivian Burnaccioni, said computerized evaluation of instructors was discussed at the recent provincial student meeting, and it was suggested this was an impersonal and more beneficial way to assess an instructor's effectiveness.

It was generally agreed among students, faculty and administration members present that this would be a good way to avoid confrontation and give instructors an idea how students view them.

English instructor Mrs. Susan Reinhart, said presenting an instructor with a computerized assessment could become a one-way set-up and might eliminate an instructor's opportunity to respond.

The problem of time lag between identification of a problem and its solution concerned student representatives. I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said he has asked his chairmen and co-ordinators to indicate "action items" when a remedy has been suggested by students so that action could be taken. However students "can't expect instant action," he said.

Mr. Manera said if a problem is urgent immediate action can be effected, but items not so critical sometimes have to be a longer time in solving. "Then next year's students will benefit, just like you benefit from last year's student concerns." Most instructors are mature enough to accept discussion, he said. "You have channel of appeal; the door is never closed."

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Plans for jocks and walks

By ROB KELLY

Plans are in the wind to expand Niagara College as both a community service and to accommodate a projected enrolment of 3,000 day students.

Plans the Management Committee are submitting to the Board of Governors call for the expansion of sports facilities in the college, as well as reorganization and enlarging of parking lots, a theatre complex, more room for administration and a covered walkway to the cafeteria.

Ambitious ideas for sports facilities are the building of a hockey arena, an indoor swimming pool, and squash courts.

They're not just for use by the students though. As with most other college projects, the idea is to serve the community as well. The sports complexes are expected to be used for about 18 hours daily. The three sports were chosen because the committee feels there aren't enough facilities for them in the community to serve the population.

In Welland, there are only two hockey rinks for 50,000 people, one small indoor swimming pool, and two private squash courts.

CLOSE SCRUTINY

Mobility and parking on the main campus are also being given close scrutiny. The new plan calls for the construction of a road from the parking lot behind the Simcoe-Tecumseh complex to Chippawayan Boulevard so people will be able to get from one side of the campus to the other by car without having to take the long First Avenue—Woodlawn Road route.

The parking lot behind the Simcoe-Tecumseh complex will also be enlarged to compensate for the removal of the parking lot east of Hennepin Hall, which be turned into a lawn.

Additional permanent parking space will be available behind the Mackenzie building near the Early Childhood Education area, now an unpaved temporary lot.

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Tuition: \$ and sense

Manera:

'There's little I agree with'

"There's little I agree with in this article," said A.S. Manera, college president. "When they say 10 per cent of post secondary students can't find jobs, I would say 90 per cent are finding jobs. To me that's a positive thing."

Even in this difficult economic climate, "more than half the programs at Niagara have 100 per cent placement, and others are getting better" he said.

If tuitions were raised to cost level, most students couldn't attend post-secondary institutions, Mr. Manera said. The price, between \$3,000 and \$5,000 would "close the door on students."

Statements made by the ministry of colleges and universities don't indicate they want to curtail enrolment in the colleges, the president said. He called the

article a "regressive, reactionary recommendation."

The president doesn't believe the article makes economic sense either. The proposals outlined in the article would deny jobs at able students who could contribute to society. Without training, these students would drain the economy, Mr. Manera said.

Mr. Manera believes a person must work to his potential, and be taxed accordingly.

"I see education as an investment in people that pays dividends in quality of life and the economy," he said.

The president said the colleges have been responsible with provincial dollars in the past. "The colleges are well-managed economically. We don't waste money."

McIntee:

Well-to-do seem to be favored

Annot McIntee, dean of business, said he questions the wisdom and validity of raising tuition fees in order to reduce the number of graduates being fed into the work place.

"It would almost seem unless there is some kind of scholarship plan, special loans or interest-free loans, the well-to-do would be favored group," Mr. McIntee said.

It is obvious Canada is in an economic decline and this results in high unemployment. But, he said, we cannot accurately project manpower needs over the next five to 10 years. In his experience many industries find it difficult to forecast their manpower needs for that period in the future.

"This challenges us in the college to encourage a greater relationship between prospective employers and graduates," Mr. McIntee said.

Certainly a close relationship

with the advisory committee should help ultimately with placement, Mr. McIntee said. The more students who can get into the work force then the more their skills will be recognized.

"To raise the fees will be an extremely difficult decision," he said, but not one the colleges or universities will make it. The government will make the decision making this a political issue.

"This decision has to be made within the academic area, the highly-charged political area and manpower planning. All of these areas will have to have specific input."

"Maybe fees should go up with the cost of living?" Mr. McIntee asked.

"I find it difficult to accept the suggestions that fees be increased to reduce the number of graduates. It will be an extremely difficult decision for the government to make."

that he is getting quite a bargain."

"Up to three years ago financing was on a per student basis. The colleges became so good at recruiting they got a large number of students registering."

"Placement has always been high at the college, especially in technology. But if there is no demand for graduates, then the program will become weak and colleges and universities should cut down."

Giancarlo:

Tuition fees are about right

John Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, says he is opposed to tuition increases.

"Considering inflation and average income, I would say that college tuition fees are just about where they should be," Mr. Giancarlo said. "Any significant increases would put higher education out of the reach of a large percentage of the population and that is elitism. By cutting down on the enrolment in colleges and

universities we would be taking a giant step backward.

Other western countries face the same economic problems that Canada does and yet they are forging ahead in the field of education, making it as easy as possible for everyone to receive as much education as they desire. However, education should not be free, just within the grasp of anyone who has a real desire to learn."

Cornett:

'I don't feel I can comment'

Harry Cornett, dean of retraining, said, "I don't really feel I can comment at the present time. There are just too many ifs."

Taxes, heating and gas are all going up and this is one area that applies to many other areas.

"These are the facts of life and you've just got to live them," he said.

PSAC meeting

Gripes and computer evaluation

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SAC executive member Pam Walker replied: "We have that system now but it is obviously not working."

Ivar Noren, dean of the school of business, said a number of instructors have an evaluation program now. He added that "instructors are not monoliths; they are human just like students" and may react to being dissected. Mr. Noren suggested that if a computerized evaluation of instructors was used, curriculum committees should not be abandoned. He also said he felt if students were to be given the privilege of anonymous evaluation they should not expect a response. Instructors could just take criticisms at face value and do what they can.

Students at the meeting stressed instructor evaluation should be totally anonymous so that students would not have any fear

of reaction from an instructor who was criticized. Mr. Manera suggested the results should go to the teacher only as a tool for self-evaluation.

Mr. Manera said there is no question some changes must be made. He said a definite plan of action will be presented at the next meeting "so that everyone will have a chance to react before finalization."

There will not be a meeting in December; the next meeting is tentatively set for Jan 19.

Disagreement

An "anonymous suggestion box" is not Dave Carpenter's idea of the proper way to approach problems between students and instructors. At the Nov. 17 meeting of the President's Student Advisory Com-

mittee Dave, a retraining representative, disagreed with the majority who said confrontation should be avoided and computer evaluation of instructors was a good idea.

"I can't see people going through a computer to solve problems," he said. Instructors should be mature enough to accept the fact a student spokesman is not a "hatchet man" but a voice representing many other voices. The spokesman should be able to talk to the instructor calmly and the instructor should realize the spokesman is not out to get him, he said.

Dave said the system works well in retraining, and that students should not be afraid to tell instructors how they feel about courses and teachers.

"It's not a matter of being scared—it's self-preservation," Brian Rohe, SAC president said.

PSACs speaks for students

The President's Student Advisory Committee meets once a month for information sharing and recommendations to the president for the well-being of all students.

There are 16 regular members consisting of all executive members of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) two from the retraining student senate at Welland Vale and two from retraining at the main campus. Administration members are the director of student services, Al Aboud, one dean, Dr. William Stuart, one chairman, Ivar Noren, and the president, A.S. Manera.

Guests are invited to the monthly meetings on a regular basis, according to the issues being discussed.

The Nov. 17 meeting was concerned mostly with curriculum committees and guests were A. F. Custode, newest member of the board of governors and a former student of the college; Barbara Da Costa, a student representative on a curriculum committee, and I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts.

Habermehl:

Education shouldn't be free

The report encompasses too many areas at once, Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said. Colleges and universities serve different functions and should be looked at individually.

Mr. Habermehl says his philosophy of education goes beyond gearing the number of individuals trained to the needs of a certain job market. Education is an end in itself and people should be allowed to gain as much as they are capable.

"I could never have made it if I would've had to pay my entire education costs; in fact I couldn't have paid what I did without help," he said.

The report stipulates that scholarships for unusually promising students would allow poorer students to attend a post-secondary institution. The bulk of students are not award winners but are of above average intelligence and the most important group in our society, he said.

"Our society can't decide whe-

ther it's a free enterprise or a socialist system; we are usually somewhere in between." Mr. Habermehl said he doesn't believe education should be free. People are more appreciative of something if they contribute to it.

Regarding the job situation, Mr. Habermehl said people should be aware of the job situation awaiting them. It is impossible, however, he said, to predict what the situation will be like in three years and this causes problems.

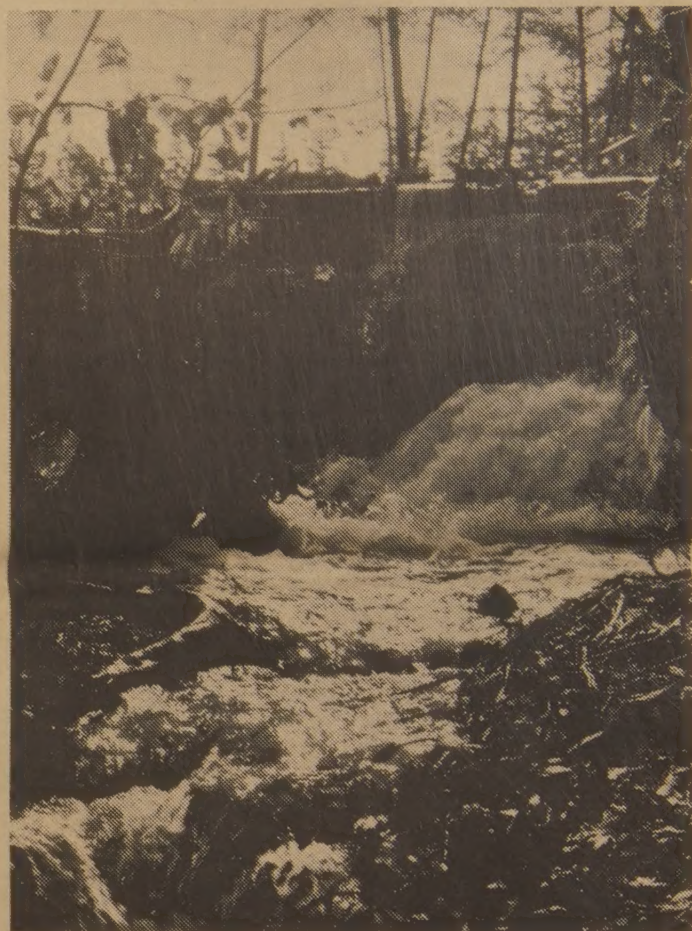
Those people interested in pursuing a certain field or vocation and willing to compete for positions should be allowed to, he said.

ADOPT FLAG

The flag of Ontario was adopted on May 21, 1965.

ONTARIO'S EMBLEM

The Ontario floral emblem since 1937 has been the trillium.



Water thunders over the Decew Falls as autumn rains from Lake Gibson force their way a long the narrow stream.

(Photo by MacMillan)

Xmas dinner

Niagara hotel students will be preparing another delicious meal — this time for their Christmas dinner and dance to be held in the Penthouse Dining Room in the Sheraton Foxhead on Dec. 9.

For \$10 one can enjoy a juicy sirloin steak dinner and later dance it off to the tunes of an eight-piece orchestra.

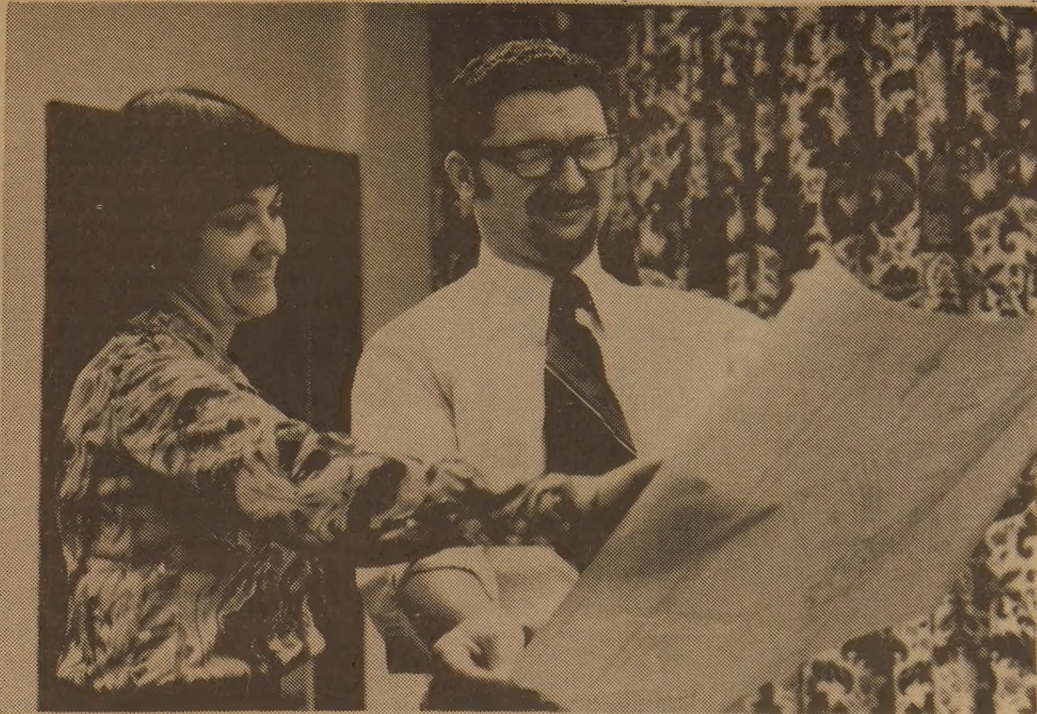
Cameron Miller, a third-year hotel student, said about 275 people are expected, most of them from the hotel industry.

Tickets are available in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office on the Woodlawn campus.

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Smiles of approval beam on the faces of Anthony Manera and his secretary Mary Hornak as they study the proposed extension plans for Niagara College. The plans include such things as a swimming pool, hockey rink and [SIGH] covered walkways between buildings. (Photo by Kelly)

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Other projects slated for consideration by the Board of Governors are an additional 100,000 square feet of floor space for use by administration staff, a complex for the Empire Street centre, and whatever other courses or groups need space.

COVERED WALK

Also proposed is a covered walkway to connect the Simcoe building to the Black Walnut building so students won't have to brave the elements to go to lunch.

A. S. Manera, college president, stressed that the plan isn't a rigid blueprint but a rough idea of "how the college might shape up."

All the additions are not planned for the same time. It's up to the ministry of colleges and universities to come up with the money, so the planners are taking it slowly. They want to start next year with an application for funds to upgrade the parking lots and build the covered walkway, and to build a garage for college vehicles.

The main emphasis will remain on the fundamentals needed for day-to-day operation of the college. Teaching equipment is at the top of the list, as is repair work, such as fixing leaking roofs, necessary to keep the college functioning.

Bad luck in threes

Here we go again. The Niagara College Theatre Centre was broken into for the third time since mid-October.

A sabre saw and a power drill were stolen from the centre sometime early Sunday morning, Oct. 20. Entry was gained through a window in one of the shops.

David Davies, chairman of human development, said the theft was discovered by technical director Nicholas Ayre on Sunday morning, called to the centre for a lighting crew meeting.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to enter theatre arts co-ordinator John Rapsey's office; the door jam was torn off and the lock forced. Police were called in following the incident but the thief was not caught.

Student assistance overhauled, larger grants to lower incomes

By SYLVIA BAAGO

Niagara College students received loans and grants totalling \$1 million this year, of which \$342,000 was grants, and the grant portion will probably rise considerably next year in view of the province's student assistance plan overhaul, says Niagara's student awards officer.

The revised plan, which the ministry of colleges and universities says is geared to community college students, will give students from low-income families outright grants without the necessity of taking out a loan. At the same time, the ministry has stopped grants for graduate study and tightened the requirements for independent status.

"It has been suggested by the ministry that community college students will benefit very handsomely. Some students will get their whole program in grants," Mrs. Mary Ellen Patterson, Niagara student awards officer, said in an interview.

At Niagara, "costs can vary from \$1,800 for a 32-week program for a student living at home to \$3,500 for a nursing student in a 54-week program living away from home," she said.

The province has budgeted a total of \$76 million to cover the costs of the program for the '78 to '79 academic year, which is a slight increase over this year's budget of about \$72 million, Mrs. Patterson said. This does not include the costs of the Canada student loans program for full-time students which are borne by the federal government.

STUDENTS COMPLAIN

Some aspects of the new program have university students "howling," Mrs. Patterson said; community college students are expected to benefit more than their university counterparts since studies have shown many community college students come from low-income families.

Students at the bottom of the income strata will be eligible for outright grants for up to four years of undergraduate study. Even so, grants for undergraduate study will never total more than academic costs based on the province's assessments, Mrs. Patterson said.

Loud protests against the new plan have come from university students mainly because of the decision to stop grants for graduate study and the tightening of requirements for independent status, according to recent reports in the Toronto papers.

Students must now spend three years in the work force before qualifying as independent. Previously, the criteria were two years employment or the successful completion of four years of under-graduate study.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY

The requirements for independent status have always been a variable factor in the student assistance plan, and Mrs. Patterson said the tightening is "part of the logistics of being able to afford the program. There would not be enough money in all of Canada to pay the costs if all students were classed as independents."

Complaints that students from high-income families had been getting grants for post-graduate study under the old criteria were probably the reason independent status requirements were tightened, Mrs. Patterson said. This was particularly true of students in law and medical schools.

Solving one problem may have created another. "They've thrown out the baby with the bath tub," Mrs. Patterson said. "It has put graduate studies back up into the category of the elitist."

Others agree with Mrs. Patterson. Bill Stratton, president of the graduate students union at the University of Toronto, was quoted in a recent Globe and Mail report, "The ministry seems to be saying that low-income families can get a BA, but they're not welcome to try for a higher degree."

As well, students in the middle-income bracket will probably be hit hard by the new plan, Mrs. Patterson said. They will likely not be eligible now for any grant assistance, and might find it necessary to take on a heavy debt load.

"I see them walk out of here now with a \$1,000 loan, and it's appalling to think some will be about \$2,000 in debt before they graduate," she said.

Meanwhile, the final analysis of the new plan will have to wait until January, when the ministry releases the revised parental contribution tables.

Until then, "there is still room for input," Mrs. Patterson said. "I do feel the ministry is trying honestly to get the assistance to the ones they feel need it most."

Two languages to be taught

Two new language courses, Ukrainian and Dutch, are being added to the many different language courses offered at Niagara's extension studies program this winter, Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of community education, said.

Ukrainian and Dutch, two major languages in the penin-

sula, are expected to be "quite popular, especially Ukrainian," Dr. Robinson said.

Hungarian, Yugoslavian, German and Spanish courses are being taught at the third level for the first time in the winter term of extension courses.

The third-level Italian language course will be continued this winter.

Secretarial student wins Laura Sabia scholarship

Lori Teeft, second year secretarial arts student, has received the Laura Sabia Scholarship, a \$200 award for first year secretarial students.

The scholarship is awarded by the St. Catharines University Women's Club to a first year secretarial student who shows merit and intends to return for second year.

Purpose of the scholarship is to aid women in education. It is applied to the student's tuition fee.

Mrs. Sabia presented the scholarship to Lori at a University Women's Club meeting Oct. 11.

Last year Lori received a \$200 scholarship from Niagara College in recognition of her Grade 12 studies.

Surplus books

Surplus books left over from the library technician program are still available until the end of November.

The sale, run by the library technician program students, was held Oct. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Tecumseh foyer.

The sale netted \$227.68 and the library technician program retained 20 per cent. The prices of the books ranged from 10 cents to \$10.

Unique awards at Seneca

A unique presentation of the Clio Awards for advertising excellence was made at Seneca College Thursday.

The official international awards presentation was made Wednesday Nov. 23 at the Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, and a special re-presentation was staged for students Thursday. About 50 business and radio-television students from Niagara College attended the event.

This was the first time the awards have been presented in Canada. The winning entries in print, packaging, radio and television were shown, representing the best advertising in the world.

Winners were picked this year from 7,900 entries from a long list of countries including Brazil, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Argentina and India. There were 12 winning entries from Canada this year.

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Student blahs kill pep rally

Whatever happened to student involvement? It must have died with chivalry.

Students nowadays just don't seem to want to get involved in anything. A pep rally held to support the Niagara Knights hockey and basketball teams was a total disaster. The Niagara Business Club did a great job of putting it together, but no one seemed to be paying any attention to what was going on.

These guys went out to play a game and were representing our college. The very least we could do was show them we appreciate the time and effort they are putting out.

People who don't want to get involved in anything must lead a very dull life. When will they find out that doing homework and writing tests are not all there is to school? If it were, then there would be no pubs, no bake sales, and no clubs, for those who do show some interest, to join.

So let's get with it! Since this is the 10th anniversary, let's put a bit more effort into supporting our clubs and showing a bit more participation.

After all, who wants to look back at their college years and find the only fun they had was trying to find a parking place?

Sue Mills

Wanted, serious students only

At a time when the Ontario Economic Council is urging the province to raise tuition fees drastically in order to lessen demand for post-secondary education, the ministry of colleges and universities has budgeted \$78 million for the '78 to '79 academic year for increased aid to needy students. The council, an autonomous research agency which advises the government, also proposes decreasing grants and suggests students who want post-secondary education must pay more of their cost of their education themselves. The council's proposals were made in view of the fact that at least 10 per cent of the students in post-secondary education now cannot find employment in their chosen field.

Obviously, something must be done about escalating educational costs, but the council's proposals are discriminatory, and would make post-secondary education available to only the monied elite. However, the ministry's new student assistance plan is also in danger of creating an elitist system.

Ultimately the losers under the new system appear to be students from middle-income families as well as students from low-income families who wish to pursue post-graduate studies. The low-income student will be laughing the first four years, as he earns his degree or diploma without incurring a significant debt load. The crunch will come when he encounters an obstacle to graduate school — no financial aid will be forthcoming unless he's brainy enough to qualify for a scholarship. His only recourse will be to go into debt, or forget about graduate school. The danger is many promising students will probably get discouraged and quit, leaving graduate schools for the rich.

Middle-income students will no longer qualify for grant assistance under the new system, and the

possibility of incurring a heavy debt might deter many from entering post secondary studies. Estimated academic costs for Niagara for a 32-week program are \$1,800 for a student living at home. The ministry has not yet made available a parental contribution table, so it is impossible to estimate how the changes will affect these students in the middle-income bracket, but first glances show they will be the ones hardest hit. Most will not be eligible for independent status, their parents will have to contribute more and they will incur a heavier debt load since none of their financial aid will be in the form of a grant.

However, limiting enrolment by increasing tuition appears to be unfair, creating an even more elitist system in which only those who can afford the fees can go. Under the new student assistance plan, this would be the students at the opposite extremes of the income strata, the rich and the poor. Where will this put the middle-income student, who is already a loser under the new grant system?

Perhaps it is time to consider post-secondary education in a new perspective, as a privilege rather than a right. But not as a privilege for the financially-favored few, but rather as an earned privilege for those with the ability and the desire to learn. These are the ones whoshould get financial help.

There are too many joy-riders now in the system who shouldn't be there. Tightening up the entrance requirements will decrease enrolment in a much fairer way which will lessen the burden on the taxpayer as well as weeding out the hangers-on, leaving valuable space for the truly serious student.

Sylvia Baago

BULLPIT

California here I come

By EUGENE FELTON

I hate winter. Looking out of my bedroom window and being greeted by one of those picturesque winter wonderland scenes makes me want to forget about college, pull the covers over my head and hibernate till late spring.

While you're thinking whimsical thoughts about those dear little white flakes coming down around you, I will be dreaming about sun-kissed California girls playing volleyball on a white sand beach by the edge of a deep blue tropical sea. Nassau, Jamaica, Malibu, anywhere other than the Niagara College parking lot in winter where endless lines of cars look like endless lines of frozen wieners buried in the snow.

I've tried to kid myself into going out and making the best of it; standing on the top of Mount Everest, I tried convincing myself that I was having a good time.

"Wow, look at that view. Look at that majestic sweep of scenery. Look at that guy who just wrapped himself around the ski lift and isn't getting up. Hmmm. No, thank you."

"I wonder where the bar is; probably down there. Can I walk from here?"

Name one good thing about winter and I'll name 10 lousy things. Skin? How about frost-bite, snow blindness, exposure, a snowball down the back of the neck, heating bills, the abominable snowman, cars that won't start and then won't stop when a transport jackknifes in front of you on the 406.

Was that only nine? Well, how about the great Niagara blizzard and student sleep-in of '77. People were betting on whether those poor pathetic-looking figures clawing their way from the Simcoe Building to the cafeteria for a few crusts of bread would make it, or end up buried in a snowdrift till spring thaw.

Sure, sure, I know cold weather is supposed to be invigorating. That icicle forming on the end of your nose makes you feel like a man does it? Maybe you should have belonged with all those great explorers trekking off to glory in the frozen waste. Scott Amundsen, Perry and you, all ending up as frozen dinners for some polar bear. What significant things has the eskimo contributed to the advancement of western civilization? Nothing—he is much to busy trying to keep warm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Get off teat, students!'

Dear Editor:

Mr. Aboud certainly spoke a partial truth when he suggested that community college teachers are less trained in teaching techniques than high school teachers. And my reaction to his conviction was to utter words of thanks that this is so. Were it not, the community college graduate might be as educationally uninspired as many of the high school products.

Perhaps it is not impressed upon students sufficiently that they come to college to learn rather than be taught; that they must not expect to be fed as they were during the high school years; that they are now off the "teat"; that they are big boys and girls and must learn to forage through an informational environment where the pastures may not always seem green.

At college, should not the initiative pass from the teacher to the student? Is not the teacher's prime responsibility to break the students' dependency on his instructor and get him inquiring for himself?

A teachers' expertise in methodology serves as a means for driving home necessary information. In addition there must be instructors rich in professional resources and enthusiasm (I count a number of these among my friends.) to be available to students regardless of their teaching methods. Method implies organization and organization spells death to inspiration, and the absence of that would be inexcusable in an educational establishment.

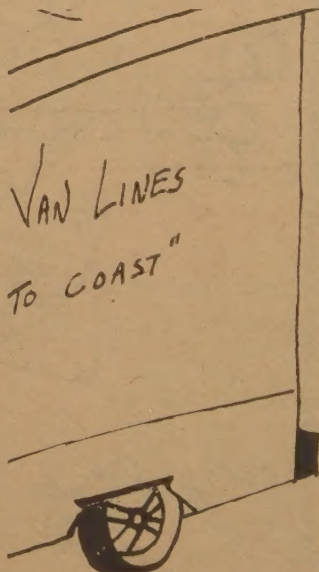
There has to be a mixed bag of straights and oddballs, of methodologists and wafflers in a college faculty. It despels the possible horror of conformity.

It is a challenge to the student to relate intelligently to the faculty he is saddled with and to search for what he needs like an adult instead of wanting to be fed like a child.

E. W. N. Morgan,
Senior College Master.

NEWS ITEM:

Name court after Manera



"Would you call this a court?"

"I dunno. All I know is the guy with the little beard said he wanted his court to go out west with him."

Art or garbage?

Dear Editor:

I was sadly dismayed to find upon my returning to Niagara College this September, that our formerly attractive court yard has become a satellite of the city dump. For three months now there has been a rather unsightly

piece of metal stuck in the middle. I wonder if there are any plans to remove it; clean it; cover it; or are we merely to impatiently watch it rust away?

I sincerely hope that future acquisitions are given more

thoughtful consideration.

A student concerned about the state of the aesthetics at Niagara College.

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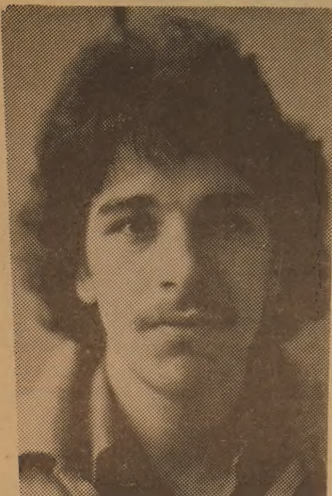
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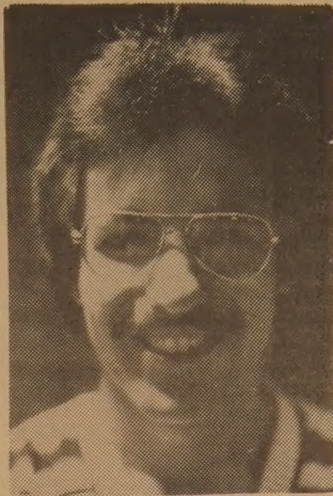
Roving Reporter

By BRENDA FREURE AND
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MARK MACMILLAN



Pat Toia, second year chemical technician: I would have been able to come back, because once you have a year or two under your belt it's worthwhile to come back but I don't think that it's right.



Gary Gizzie, second year business administration: I'll still come to school but the tuition raise would put a lot of students on the streets. There would be more unemployed and less educated people.



Lona Zaph, first year education resource technician: I think there will be a lot of students who won't come back. Even if you break up the grant and loan system, you still need both to get through.



Bill Wilson, first year business administration: I would be able to come back if it were to double but not triple.

Martin Iapichino, first year electronics technician: Yes because I want to get through the course.



Cindy Cox, second year business administration: I'll come back but there would be a lot of other students who wouldn't be able to

Wendy Cleary, first year graphic arts: Yes, because I want to finish my education.

What's in a name?

By IRENE BRENNER

Newfies, Wops, Polacks, Frogs, Pakis, Wahoos, Spics, Chinks and Bluenosers are just some who make up our Canadian society.

You don't think such bigoted names should be allowed in the paper? Well, why not? they're heard throughout Canada everyday!

A number of students were surveyed and more than half said they weren't prejudiced.



Irene Okraszewski, first year general business and of Polish descent, said.



Mario [Motts] Domenicucci, second year human relations and of Italian descent, said the minorities should convert all the energy they're using being upset and try to solve the problem.

Ignoring the bigots is the main way to get rid of the problem, he said.

Indians and Pakistanis in Toronto have been demonstrating recently against racial prejudice.

Newfoundlanders spoke out to the Task Force on National Unity saying they are angry at Newfie jokes and put-downs about their accents, poverty and unemployment. Some hate to admit being Canadian, a high school student from St. John's said.

The Newfoundlanders should not feel that way. Most of the other provinces have the same problems, **Rena Graffi, second year financial management and of Italian descent,** said.



"I'd feel the same way as the Newfoundland people if the people put me down," **Liz Antal, second year secretarial dictatypist and of Hungarian descent,** said.

Sounds Canadian: Languages and Cultures in Multi-Ethnic Society is a book containing papers presented at a "Languages and Cultures in Multi-Ethnic Society" symposium held in Ottawa in 1971. The papers were edited by Paul Migus. This is one example:

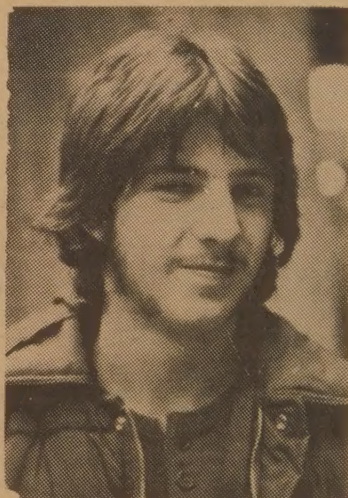
Immigrants came to Canada years ago leaving their homeland for political, religious or other non-economic reasons hoping to find a better life.

The immigrants come to Canada and remain residentially segregated and socially isolated because they have to live in low rental areas, don't know the dominant language and are rejected by natives. The children learn of the new society, forget

their mother tongue and move out of their ethnic neighborhood.

Greg McDonald, second year financial management and of Scottish and Irish descent and born in Nova Scotia, said immigrants shouldn't be allowed in Canada "not like they used to be" because they lower the standard of living. "They work cheap so we must work cheap to keep up."

Rena disagrees. "The immigrants don't help the economy, but they should have the freedom to live where they want. It's not their fault they were born in one culture."



"It depends what they have to offer — if they're coming to be unemployed they shouldn't be allowed, but if they can benefit Canada with skills, that's good," **Scott Henderson, second year electronics and of Scottish descent,** said.

Canada is made up of many different ethnic groups and many have derogatory nick names. There are interesting stories of how they arose.

Italians are called "Wops" because during the war it was very hard to get passports. After the war, the United States and Canada allowed them to come into the countries "without passports." Many others were without passports too, but the nick name stuck with the Italians.

"Frogs" is the French nickname because of their reputation for eating frogs' legs.

Working in the fields until their backs were sweating is how Mexicans came to be called "wetbacks." Another story is

"Tuition fees in universities should be raised as fast and as high as politically possible," says a report to the Ontario government. First year students were asked, "If tuition fees double or triple, will you come back for a second year?" Second year students were asked, "If tuition fees had doubled or tripled, would you have come back this year?"

A myriad of multi-ethnic students sound off

that many tried to swim the Rio Grande River to the United States during the Mexican war.

Those bigots who try to put Pakistanis and the Polish down by calling them Pakis and Polacks are only giving them their proper name.

Going out for a good drunk and lots of "Wahoos" is what the Canadian Indians are known for, according to those who are jealous that they can't live on a reservation.

The German "Kraut" got his name from sauerkraut.

"Limeys" originated from the British sailing fleet. Many men were getting scurvy from lack of Vitamin C so large shipments of limes were sent on the ships.

Japanese "Nips" is short for Nippon which means Japan in

Japanese.

"Yids" means the Yiddish language and "Hebe" is from Hebrew explaining the Jewish nicknames.

Those "Bluenosers" from Nova Scotia got their name from their bluenose potatoes and the cold weather.

Irish "Micks", Chinese "Chinks", Puerto Rican "Spics", Newfoundland "Newfies" — all have stories too.

Americans call us "Canucks" which originally meant a Canadian HORSE OR PONY.

"I'm not prejudiced, but I don't like English 'Limeys,'" **Dan Duhaime, second year mechanical drafting and of French and Irish descent,** said. "Their attitude in life is that they think they're all the queen's assistant."

Open library earlier?

Some students would like the resource centre to open at 8 a.m. instead of 8:30 as it does now.

This request was among the concerns discussed at the Nov. 22 meeting of the Student Administrative Council (SAC). Destruction of posters, the Frenchship club budget, formal ticket sales and a year-book report were also items on the agenda.

Brian Rohe, SAC president, said library hours are limited by the tight budget the college is operating on this year. He said he would talk to someone about an 8 o'clock opening, "but I'm not going to guarantee it will happen."

Film service reduced rates

A new film developing service at reduced prices is being offered to students by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Any type of film can be dropped at the SAC office for two-day service on prints and a week to 10 days for slides and movies. Enlargements and extra prints can also be ordered.

Film will also be available at low prices in most sizes.

Dan McGuinness, the man who approached SAC about the service, will pick up and deliver films on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Jerry Kerekes, president of the Photography Club, gave a progress report on the yearbook. An agent is working on the advertising, and layout is being arranged. There will be class photos and individual photos of graduates this year. The yearbook staff is discussing the possibility of a contest for a cover design.

The Frenchship Club (French Club) budget was passed, giving them half of the \$1,040 they requested. The club is planning a trip to Quebec City at winter carnival time.

Big headache

What promised to be a brisk business in record and tape sales at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office has turned out to be a headache for the SAC executive.

With many orders in and paid for and more inquiries every day, the executive has had to delay implementation of the plan until some difficulties with delivery have been solved. What had been stated as two or three day delivery times has stretched to three weeks, and this is not satisfactory to SAC.

Brian Rohe, SAC president, said at last Tuesday's general meeting he is going to try another angle to see if delivery could be more prompt.

Evening Tribune bought for \$ 5

A \$5 bill bought the Evening Tribune in 1865.

John Sidey and Albert H. Patterson, composers on the paper, were the purchasers and Patterson rapidly withdrew from the partnership. The paper remained in the Sidey family for 65 years.

Mr. Sidey purchased the paper when the former owner, H. L. Stone, who only had ownership of the paper for several days, walked into the Tribune's office one day with a disgusted look on his face. "I'd sell this dump for a \$5 bill," he said. Mr. Sidey made no comment, but walked out the door and within five minutes was back. HE threw a \$5 bill on Stone's desk saying, "I've bought your paper." As the tale goes, the \$5 bill was borrowed.

By 1866 Mr. Sidey was the sole owner of the paper providing the Reform Party, forerunner of the liberal party, with news and editorial coverage — a tower of strength for the party.

The inception of newspapers in Welland County dates back to when the Welland Herald was started in Fonthill in 1854. With a general election in the foreseeable future, the paper was started to inform citizens of the virtues of the Reform Party. A joint stock company was owner and at its head was a Dr. Fraser.

Dexter D'Everado then bought the paper and E.C. Hanlon was editor. A Mr. Dinsmore succeeded Hanlon and moved the paper to Welland in 1863, changing its name to the

People's Press. The paper was then bought by an American named Titus. His wife did most of the work on the paper and filled it liberally with poetry.

Titus sold the paper to A. C. Hill, a lawyer in Welland who gave it the name it bears today.—
The Evening Tribune.

In 1865, Mr. Hill sold the paper to H. L. Stone, who in turn sold it to Mr. Sidey and Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson broke the partnership in a short time.

Front pages of the papers in the late 1800s and early 1900s consisted mostly of advertisements and editorials.

Advertisements such as The Great Cause of Human Misery were not an uncommon appearance in the paper. "A lecture on the nature, treatment and radical cure of seminal weakness or spermatorrhea indicted by self-abuse, involuntary emissions, impotency, nervous disability and impediments to marriage generally; consumption, epilepsy and fits; mental and physical incapacity," sold for six cents and was mailed in a sealed envelope.

In 1905 the paper carried a story that told of a California minister who ran off with the soprano and \$12,000 in church money. The headline Mr. Sidey put on the story was, "Onward Christian Soldiers," excerpts from old copies of the Tribune stated.

Mr. Sidey was succeeded in ownership by his son Herbert, who continued the paper until 1921. The Welland Telegraph had started in Welland as a forum for Conservative concern. The Telegraph changed hands several times before it was taken over by Dr. Louis Blake Duff in 1904.

When the two papers united they moved into a new building on King Street and Avenue Place where they remained until 1954. In October, 1926, Mr. Duff sold out to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hueston and Mr. McKenzie becoming a paper independent in politics. The frequency of publication was changed to three times a week.

A year later bargaining was completed for the purchase of the Citizen Press of Port Colborne.

Daily publication of the united papers started on Nov. 4, 1929, under the name of the Welland-Port Colborne Tribune.

In the early 30's the Tribune had no resemblance to the modern facilities of today. The editorial, business and advertising departments were all in one room. The editorial department consisted mostly of two desks shoved together and a couple of small tables just able to hold a typewriter.

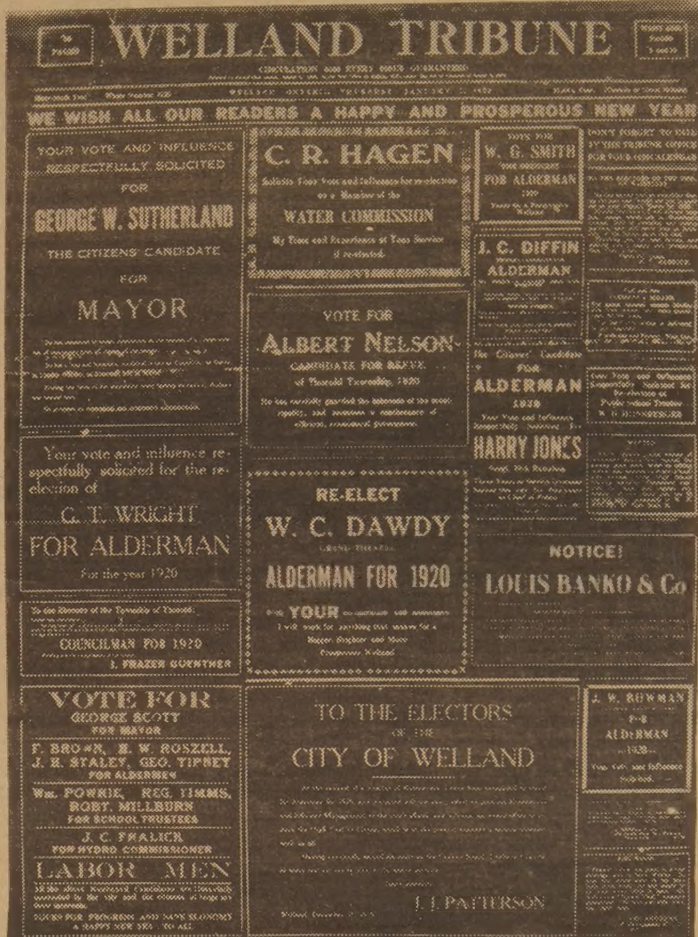
A Canadian leased wire service started Jan. 31, 1938. Telegraph news had previously been provided by CP pony express.

In June 1944, the tribune became part of a group published by the Thomson company of Toronto.

Steady development in the war years saw the circulation grow from 5,000 to more than 8,500 bringing along the necessity to expand their present facilities. The expansion, done between 1947-949 consisted of adding a second storey and setting up a photography department. Provisions were made for an engraving plant.

A bureau was established in Dunnville on March 6, 1950, with teletype linking the Port Colborne and Dunnville offices. On June 1 the name of the paper was changed from the Welland-Port Colborne Tribune to the Evening Tribune and a new office was built in Port Colborne.

The 20,000 circulation goal of former publisher Henry J. Foster was achieved in April, 1970 and remains today.



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Lorenzo Nicodemo (right) interviews Bill Woods, marketing management student, for a possible future job with Canada Packers.

(Photo by Mathias)

Canada Packers interview 'Good crop'

By LIZ MATHIAS

Twenty-eight Niagara College business and technology students were selected for interviews with representatives of Canada Packers Nov. 14.

Lorenzo Nicodemo, staff development administrator, and Bob Watts, production manager for chemical division at Canada Packers, interviewed students simultaneously throughout the day. Each student was pre-scheduled for a one-half hour interview.

Those selected from the first interviews will go to Canada Packers in Toronto where they will be interviewed by specialists in their field for final selection by February.

Sharply dressed men and women waited in the counselling department, nervously chewing nails, tapping fingers and fidgeting in their chairs. As each student descended into the interview room, another took his place acting in the same manner.

One apprehensive chemical student was concerned with the line of questioning he would be subjected to.

HZ said from his experiences with summer jobs, employers spend more time with how much work experience a person has rather than the education and qualifications he has.

"If I were an employer I would look at the unemployed experienced people first," he said.

What Mr. Nicodemo looks for in his prospective employees is personality and involvement and not too much at personal appearance.

"Although the first impression is an important factor, I think the way a guy talks to you is

important also," he said, "If he looks at the floor or tries to outstare you, it tells a lot about that person. I would think twice before hiring either one."

"Most people are aware of how to look for an interview and long hair or a beard have no bearing on the outcome," Mr. Nicodemo said.

He added that he usually wears his hair quite long but had a hair cut shortly before the day's interviews.

He said marks do not mean too much, it's initiative that counts.

"If a student has average marks but is involved in extra-curricular activities, it shows he has the initiative we look for in a good employee. Some are not the academic types but in a job situation they could be good.

"I want good people to work for Canada Packers and I have to sell my company to these people," he said. "They have to want to work for us as much as we want them to work for us. It's a two-way street."

Brian Rohe, business student and president of Student Administrative Council, who had just finished being interviewed, said he was not nervous at all. "After all, he's just a person like me and there was nothing to worry about."

"We had a good crop of students this year, I was quite impressed by most of them which makes my job a difficult one," Mr. Nicodemo said.

Mr. Watts said he did not find any one he talked to very nervous. "I thought the students were impressive and they seemed well coached before they came today," he said.

Winter registration days away

It's that time of year again folks Winter registration will be held from Dec. 5 to 9.

John Parrett, registrar said early winter registration makes things easier for everyone involved and we hope to avoid, as we did last year, the long line-ups."

Prior to last year, winter registration was held in the gymnasium and the attempt to process 2,500 students led to chaos.

Last year's registration went smoothly, cutting the time down from eight to five days. "We are able to do so because of our new office space and the fact that it is simply not as hectic around here in December as it is in January," Mr. Parrett said.

Electives other than english, general and business will be available two days prior to registration.

The schedule for winter registration is;

Monday, Dec. 5, Term 2 only: early childhood, educational resource technician, theatre arts,

retail management, interior design, fashion arts, business administration, tourism, graphic arts, library technician and legal assistant.

Tuesday, Dec. 6, Term 2 only: bilingual secretary, health science preparation, health records technician, electrical technician, construction engineering, mechanical design technician, secretary dicta-typist, electronic technician, technology, dental assistant, dental hygiene, chemical technician, refrigeration and air conditioning.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 to Friday, 9, all Term 4 and 6 and those Term 2 programs choosing electives, Term 2: general college, human relations, journalism, law and security, social services, general business, radio and t.v., secretarial steno-typist, secretarial steno-typist, secretarial arts.

Term 4: early childhood, resource technician, fashion arts, general college, graphic arts, human relations, interior design, jour-

nalism, law and security, library technician, radio and television, social services, theatre arts, business administration, general business, bilingual secretary, secretarial arts, legal assistant, retail management, tourism, engineering technology, electronic technician, construction engineering, electrical technician, electronic technician, refrigeration and air conditioning, mechanical design, drafting technician, survey technician, and health records technician.

Term 6: Advanced radio and TV, advanced theatre arts, construction engineering, technology and business administration.

Late registration will begin on Monday, Jan. 2, 1978. The fine is \$5 and \$2 for each additional school day.

The registration from must be approved by program co-ordinators and returned to the registrar's office in Hennespin Hall, no later than Friday, Dec. 9, 1977.

Thousands to see children's play

By NANCY LIEBAU

Response to the Niagara College theatre production of The King of the Golden River has been tremendous. Tickets for daily school performances of this children's story by John Ruskin have been sold to more than 5,000 peninsula public school students from about 50 area schools.

Adapted and directed by theatre arts instructor D'Arcy McHayle, The King of the Golden River is the third annual children's show presented by the Theatre Centre. It will have 21 daily performances from Dec. 8-9 and 12-16 for students ranging in age from kindergarten to Grade 8.

"I was looking for a story that would demand technical excellence, since we are primarily a technical school and this one fits

the bill," Mr. McHayle said, when asked why he selected the King of the Golden River for this year's presentation. Last year the Theatre Centre produced Bumpkin Bart and two years ago Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves was presented.

MUST NOT PREACH

"I had a fair number of rewrites and I consulted other people about the play," Mr. McHayle said. "The story has been changed a fair amount. I do believe in a children's story we must not preach, but we must have correct values."

Acting and technical production are handled by the students. The technical crew, whose responsibilities include building sets, props and costumes, began working Nov. 14, whereas the actors started rehearsals Nov. 7.

"Design work began at least a

month before," Mr. McHayle said. "There is a great deal of technical wizardry required in this production — there are people turning to stone and a house being blown away..."

TALE OF THREE BROTHERS

The King of The Golden River is a story about three brothers who journey through the Enchanted Forest to the Golden River to become King. Whoever reaches the Golden River first and puts in it three drops of holy water becomes king. Each brother is helped by the Forest Spirit and hampered by the south wind and devils in the forest.

Three hour-long public performances will be given at the theatre centre Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 per children and senior citizens, \$1.50 for students and \$2 for adults.

Club to get computer

The newly formed Niagara College Computer Club is expecting to receive a \$1,200 micro computer ordered while on a trip to a computer convention in Toronto. The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will subsidize the club for half of the cost.

About 20 students attended the convention on Nov. 9 to compare prices and types of computers. Kevin Schwartz, a third year computer engineer student, said members need the computer to work on and will be able to make money from it too.

They expect to be able to sell biorhythm graphs which will be able to tell three things about a person: intellectual, emotional and physical levels. The only information that has to be fed

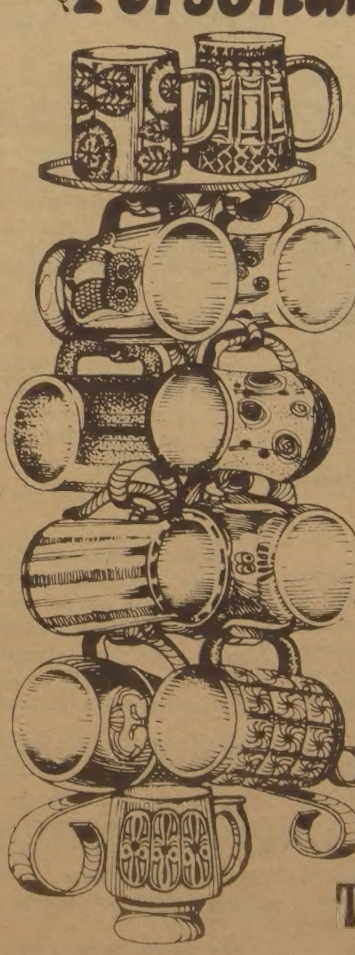
into the micro computer is the person's birthdate.

At the convention, the computer companies demonstrated computers and some output devices. Displays were partitioned between the home-hobbies section and the computers for commercial use.

One student lost his registration badge so he could not pass through the partition without the guard's notice. Without his badge the student would have to pay again so his comrades sneaked a badge to him under the partition.

The computer club is made up of a mixture of business and technology students from each year.

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No schedules, exact fares; problems of city transit

By ROB KELLY

If you live in Welland and you don't have the use of a car, you've probably spent a fair amount of time meandering around town on the Welland Transit system. Not too much fun, right?

First of all, there's the exact fare idea. The one that has you running to the nearest variety store to buy some junk food you don't want two minutes before the bus comes because you don't have exactly 35 cents in your pocket.

Then there's the fact that no schedules exist for the different bus routes except the one at the main terminal. People have stood waiting for buses that weren't going to show up because they only run at certain hours.

Others can't remember if the bus they are waiting for is coming on the half-hour, or only every hour, or not at all, which depends on what time of day it is.

EAS ANSWERS

Whose responsible? Why not ticket fares instead of money? Why no schedules?

The man with the answers is Jerome McCann. For the past two years Mr. McCann has been the administrator, the planner, and the public relations man for the Welland Transit system.

His job is to make suggestions to Welland city council for the improvement of the bus service. If they're approved, he initiates them.

Jerome McCann sits behind his desk leafing through a lengthy computer print-out in search of elusive figures.

He is young, with an unruly red beard and an Irish accent you could cut with a knife. He got a university degree in economics and urban planning at Ulster, Northern Ireland.

The numbers Mr. McCann is chasing down are part of an analysis he has just finished making of the bus service in



Transit travellers queue up for the early morning bargain considering the operational costs of the run — at 35 cents an hour. They're getting a system. (Photo by Kelly)

Welland. He's trying to find out how he can cut corners to save some money.

And Welland Transit needs money. In 1975, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC) put a ceiling on the amount of money they would give to subsidize transit in Ontario. They will now give only 50 per cent of the deficit of 1975, whereas, before that, they came up with 50 per cent of the deficit no matter what it was.

"It leaves a bad taste in my mouth when we talk about cutting service," says Mr. McCann. He doesn't want to cut routes out altogether, just prune the inefficient ones. That's why there are no schedules. There should be some in a few weeks when the service is re-organized.

COSTLY TO RUN

The whopping price of operat-

ing the transit system is also the reason it's an exact fare system. It costs almost \$15 per bus per hour to run the 18 buses, Mr. McCann says.

He cites the ease and efficiency of an exact fare system, as well as the safety it gives the driver, as the reasons for it in "a service of our size." Welland Transit can't afford to print tickets for riders, he says, but when one rides the buses it's not necessary to have the exact change.

The driver will give out redemption coupons that can be mailed to city hall, and the change will be sent to the passenger. It takes time but it's a little known way of settling up if you only have a \$2 bill when you get on the bus.

Jerome McCann sees two ways to combat what he calls "econom-

ic stagflation." Revenue can be increased through advertising or cutting service, he says.

Mr. McCann knows he has to cut service on some routes, but he's convinced that increasing use of the buses through advertising is preferable. "We need a viable alternative to cars," he says.

They advertise on local radio stations and in the newspaper, but McCann had a novel idea to make the service betater known that was inexpensive too.

SLOGAN CONTEST

He started a contest in all the area schools to get students to make up slogans for Welland Transit. The best ones got their creators a free Welland Transit T-shirt showing a knight spearing a pollution dragon.

McCann's favorite slogan turned in by a student was: "Don't bust your ass, we will bus your ass." The city fathers didn't quite go along with that one, though.

Still, the contest got the system a lot of publicity among students who comprise 30 per cent of all riders, and the whole thing cost about as much as a newspaper advertisement.

Despite all the economic trouble public transit has, those who fear a fare increase can rest easy for the moment. Mr. McCann says the 35-cent fare is about as much as a system the size of Welland Transit can charge. "I don't think the increase in revenue would affect the deficit much," he says.

A study by the MTC shows that if the price went up people would find alternatives to transit.

FIVE YEARS

Besides the cut-back in provincial funding for transit, one of the reasons the system is not as efficient as possible, is because it's only been in business for five years. Until the mid-town canals were closed it wasn't feasible because it was impossible to maintain a schedule with the bridges going up and down all the time.

"The tradition of transit didn't exist in Welland and we're experiencing growing pains," says Mr. McCann. He sees the bus service as going through a stage that a city like St. Catharines has already gone through.

But he doesn't want to be the only one who suggests how the system will evolve. Rather than propose ideas all the time and wait to find out if they work, he'd like a little more input from the public.

"I prefer that people come to us and tell us what they want," he says.

RTV student secures job in Thunder Bay at CKPR

Third-year RTV student Ron Kronstein switched the usual migration patterns of birds and people and headed north for the winter.

Ron was the first Radio and TV student to get a job this year. He started work Nov. 14 as the anchor man for CKPR — TV's six o'clock evening news in Thunder Bay.

Besides being a newscaster, Ron is responsible for the content of the evening news, works as a reporter, and may have the opportunity to shoot news film.

BIGGER JOB

Ron had the normal apprehensions about starting something new. "It's a bigger job than I expected, to start," he said.

His instructors thought he could handle it though. Film instructor Alan Cullimore said; "He's not only a great newsmen, he also wrote, directed and did the voice-over commentary on a 14 minute film on Welland. He's multi-talented."

Instructor Paul Davoud said, "It's a very strong placement because he's moved into a job with a great deal of potential." He said it is an unusual broadcast centre because it combines two major TV stations and AM and FM radio stations, all under one roof.



RON KRONSTEIN

DID VIDEOTAPE

Ron got the job five days after he applied. He assembled a resume as soon as he heard of the opportunity, the main part being a video-taped news broadcast that he did 13 times before he was satisfied.

He didn't like leaving his family and friends but they all urged him to take the job to further his career.

"It's a good feeling," Ron said, "like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

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Abortion and education issues to be litigated within 10 years

By DOUG SMITH

Abortion and education issues "unquestionably will be litigated in Canada within the next 10 years," Ian Hunter, legal counsel to the Ontario Human Rights Commission, said Nov. 11.

Mr. Hunter, speaking to Canadian studies students at Niagara College, said doctors and nurses who will not perform abortions because of religious beliefs are transferred to positions of lower pay and prestige or are not hired in the first place. This action is discriminatory and can only be solved through the courts, he said.

Parents who wish to send their children to denominational schools should not be forced to pay public school taxes. Mr. Hunter said these people are being double taxed and only litigation will solve this problem.

Mr. Hunter was legal adviser for the Amish in their milk can litigation with the Ontario Milk Marketing Board. He negotiated for the Amish and succeeded in gaining a settlement for the use of non-electric milk tanks.

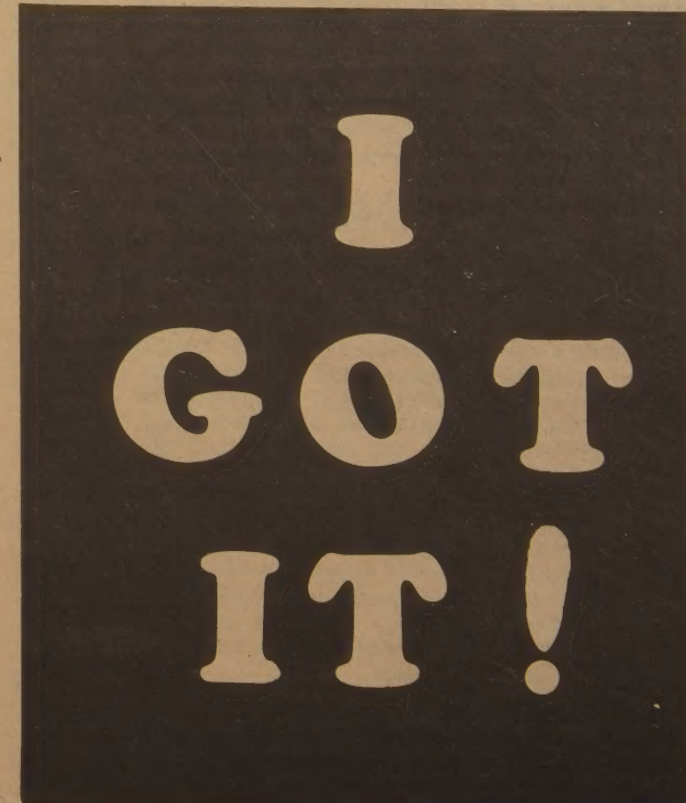
The board dictated only electrical storage tanks could be used and the Amish would not comply with the ruling because they do

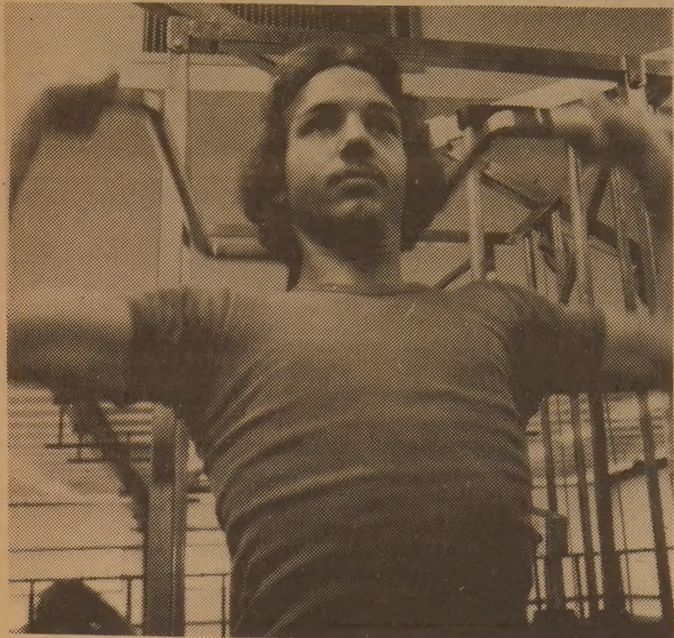
not use electricity on religious grounds. The agreement stated the Amish could use one tank for the whole community.

Although courts are the most effective course of action, there are other ways to ensure civil

liberties, Mr. Hunter said.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission, the government ombudsman and newspaper action lines are the other ways by which civil liberties can be protected, Mr. Hunter said.





Knights centre Mike Chartrand pumps iron in preparation for last Thursday's hockey game with Sheridan College. (Photo by Kelly)

Fanshawe Falcons squeak by NC cagers

The game between the Niagara College Knights and the Fanshawe Falcons on Nov. 10 pitted two good teams against each other in a match that showed the potential of both teams. The Knights lost 73-70, but the score is indicative of what a close game it was.

The game was close all the way through. The Knights took the early lead, working their plays well and scoring consistently on layups, but Fanshawe came back at the end of the first half to undermine the NC lead.

At the end of the first half NC led by five points, 38-33. They lost some of their momentum, while the Falcons seemed to be warming to the game and playing more precision ball.

In the locker room between periods, the team felt tense.

"We let them catch up," admonished assistant coach Tim Gurnick.

"If we calm down, we're there," said team captain Bob Boyne, clenching his fist.

BESET BY PROBLEMS

The team didn't calm down. From an impressive 53 per cent shooting average in the first half, they nose-dived to 34 per cent in the second. They also blew a great many of their foul shots, missing points that could easily have changed the final outcome.

Despite their lack of shooting

power, the Knights moved well enough to keep the Falcons behind until the middle of the second half.

Fanshawe crept up and evened the score, but they couldn't get ahead by more than a few points.

In fast end-to-end rallies both teams vied for the lead, and with 30 seconds left in the game the Falcons led by only one point, 69-68.

Four seconds later the Falcons sank two foul shots which looked like the last points of the game. With 14 seconds left the Knights retaliated with two foul shots of their own to bring the tally to 71-70.

The team desperately tried to make a basket as time slipped away but a foul against them in the last eight seconds that allowed the Falcons to sink two more hoops sealed the outcome.

Although the Knights lost, it was probably the best game they've had so far this season.

"You couldn't get a much more exciting game," said A.S. Aboud, director of student services.

"It's hard to lose like that," said coach Peter Rylander. "I'm unhappy we lost, but I'm happy with the team effort — everybody gave their all, and that's (the Falcons) probably the best team in the league."



Maria Difelice, second year sales and merchandise, sells first copy of student directory to Ivar Noren, chairman of business division.

(Photo by Harpwood)

Student directories 50¢

If you are not already aware of it, student directories have been on sale since Nov. 17 for 50 cents.

The second-year sales and merchandise class organized the "I Got It" campaign to promote

the sale of directories, Robert Young, School of Business instructor, said. It is a class project and the students are being marked on their selling and advertising ability.

Niagara defeats Northern

Playing two games in two days is hard on any hockey team, but after playing Seneca College on Nov. 11 the Niagara College Knights defeated Northern College in the Welland arena.

The 5-4 victory for Niagara is a good indication of how evenly matched the two teams were. Northern opened the scoring at 5:21 of the first period on a goal by Kas Lutecki. Niagara followed on goals by Dough Thompson at 12:33 and Gerald Sebastiany at 12:41 of the first period. Bob Arsenaault scored for Northern at 15:53 ending the first period in a 2-2 deadlock.

Northern jumped into the lead at 8:54 of the second period on a goal by Ron Carleton. Steve Bustard scored at 14:10 for Niagara to close the scoring in the second period.

Andy MacKenzie scored at 2:28 of the third period to give the Knights a 4-3 lead over Northern but Don Mitchell replied at 9:26 to tie the score once again.

At 17:20 of the third period Steve Bustard scored his second goal of the game to give the Knights a 5-4 victory.

Wild life film

The Peninsula Field Naturalist's Club is presenting an Audubon wild life film at Thistle Theatre, Brock University.

Wild Life Safari to Ethiopia, by Jeffery Boswall, will be presented Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. Admission is 12.50 and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens. The club will also present another film later in the year.

SPORTS

NC Knights edge George Brown 67-61

Just as a false start at a track meet can disrupt a runner's rhythm and cost him the race, a late start for a basketball game can mean the difference between winning and losing.

When the Knights took on the George Brown Huskies on Nov. 17, the game started 35 minutes late because the Huskies had some trouble getting to the college. Fortunately, the Knights carried the game, edging George Brown 67-61, but they played sloppily.

George Brown took an early lead, moving quickly around the court and working well on offensive rebounding. It took the Knights a while to work into the game and tighten up their zone coverage. By the middle of the first half, they started to work together better, getting control of the ball under the boards.

As the first half wound down the Knights defence looked strong, with quick Marcel Larroche at guard doing a good job of containing Andy Wang, a fast-breaking George Brown guard. At the end of the half, the Knights had pulled ahead 33-28.

In the second half, NC played more up to their usual standard. The team hustled down the court and controlled the ball well enough to set up crisp passing. They still couldn't quite get the range for consistent scoring, though. Sharp foul-shooting

helped them open a 10-point lead, but they were under constant pressure from the Huskies.

The Huskies were never out of the game and with a little over four minutes left in the contest they showed their offensive skill. In less than two minutes, they cut the NC lead to six points. The Huskies capitalized on the style of play the Knights showed at that time. Instead of sitting on their lead and playing defensive ball, the Knights tried to score more points, and their wide open style of play almost guaranteed George Brown possession of the ball and scoring opportunities.

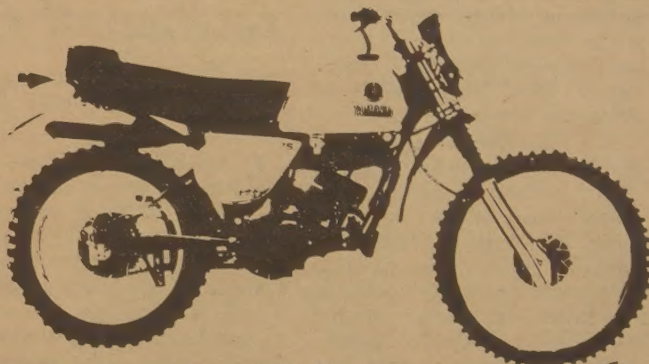
The cagers held their six-point lead, but if the game had been a few minutes longer they might not have.

"We played rotten; they played worse," said Knights coach Peter Rylander. "It's nice when you can have a down night and win."

Top Knights scorer Sam Ferrusi, who scored 21 points in the game said: "The bench really proved itself tonight, they (the substitutes) came on strong."

Most players weren't satisfied with the game. They knew their play had been sloppy. They know they need more discipline in their offence. The Knights have looked better in games they lost.

Against the more proficient clubs in the league, they'll have to look better.



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Dr. William Stuart, who has an acute fear of heights, holds on tight as he prepares for the arrival of a 500-pound generator and 28-foot blades which will complete a 40-foot high windmill he is building at his Grand Island, N.Y., home.

Windmills are on the upswing College dean builds one

By LIZ MATHIAS

A dream of long ago will become a reality when Dr. William Stuart, dean of technology, completes the construction of a windmill at his home in Grand Island, N.Y.

Dr. Stuart, like many others, is turning to an alternate source of energy due to the energy shortage across the country.

While lying on his barracks' bunk during World War II, he dreamed of building a power project. Now his dream is near completion as he prepares to put the final 14 feet on his tower.

The windmill, built in the front yard of his home overlooking picturesque Niagara River, will stand 40 feet high and have a blade span of 28 feet.

The stark white top of the windmill—white for the purity of clean air—stands over a magnificent olive tree. The bottom is painted green to blend in with the surroundings, in hope that it will be camouflaged from any complaining neighbors.

Dr. Stuart hopes to prove that a windmill is not only clean, free and easy but practical as well. It will compliment the electric power he now gets from Niagara Mohawk Power Company.

U.S.A. HIGH RATES

The current power rate which is average for the United States, is four to six cents per kilowatt hour (kwh) higher than Ontario's rate of two cents per kwh.

The electric companies in the United States are independent and must earn a profit; therefore they have to pay taxes.

Dr. Stuart also owns property in Port Colborne where the big lake and the land masses produce

favorable winds which would be ideal for a windmill. But it would not pay because of the low cost of hydro. Ontario Hydro is government operated and therefore does not pay taxes or pay interest to stockholders. It is supported by taxes.

Dr. Stuart said his current consumption is 600 kwh per month. The windmill, which has the capacity of 3,000 watts, could produce 500 to 550 kwh per month. If any surplus power is produced, the public utility must buy it. That is a law in the United States.

WINDMILL WILL PAY OFF

The project, which he began in June and will end in January, will cost him \$3,000.

"It will barely pay at the going rate, but the projected rate shows that it will pay," he said.

He describes the three-blade windmill as an aerodynamics design, shaped like airplane wings. It can get twice the power of the conventional blade and is more efficient.

The multi-blade windmills used for 400 years in Holland and England were used for pumping water and grinding grains. They were easily started but not very efficient. Some are still around.

The design Dr. Stuart is using is actually 20 years old, but he says it is the technology which is best for what he wants.

It will have a 500-pound generator sitting on the top. The generator being built in South Dakota is to be delivered in early December.

Many people in the community are interested in making money from windmills but Dr. Stuart is not among them. "I do it because

I am interested and enjoy this kind of project."

Dr. Stuart had problems in the beginning getting permission from the community and the building inspector to build his windmill. There are certain by-laws which could have prevented his dream from coming true.

He said he believes it was an article in the Buffalo Evening News about his project that finally convinced the council to give their approval.

The Niagara Mohawk Power Company has adopted a co-operative attitude towards windmills.

The tower is built on a base of 1,200 pounds of concrete and will withstand 200 m.p.h. winds, or so Dr. Stuart hopes. It will begin generating 8 m.p.h. and reach full power at 20 m.p.h.

On the back of the blade is a tail to keep it headed into the wind. If the wind should exceed 60 m.p.h., the blade can be pulled down so the wind will travel over it.

PROJECT FOR N.C.

Dr. Stuart said he would like to begin a similar project with his students at the college. He would like to put a windmill on top of the Simcoe Building but the money is not available.

The technology program has put in a request to the board of governors to use the old SAC house on Rice Road for their experiments.

"If the retraining students are interested in building a windmill then I will give them the technology I used to build mine," Dr. Stuart said.

Research funding may reach millions

By FRANCIS SKRZESZEWSKI

Discussion of funding methods for research in the mental health field made up a large part of the conference on Mental Health presented by the Niagara Psychiatric Services Committee and Niagara College.

Brenda Wattie, head of the Mental Health division, health and welfare Canada, outlined the funds available to researchers and other still on the drawing board.

Mental health, which Mrs. Wattie described as a strange creature omnipresent in society, may receive a possible \$400 million more under a new system. Monies are to be put into Established Program Financing (EPF) on a per capita cash contribution for each taxpayer in Canada. The federal government deals with the broader aspects of The funds while the provinces are responsible for the actual allotment of money to various re-search fields.

BLOCK FUNDING

A labor union representative in the audience said a common problem with block funding projects of this sort is that the money is available to politicians and if it is not used for the purpose it was intended then a situation could arise where money given for research ends up being put into a new highway or other pet projects.

Dr. Marcel Lemieux, medical director of the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital also condemned the block funding method. He said that under a "welfare-state" program, such as the EPF, money is so thinly dispersed that everyone gets something while no one has sufficient money to accomplish anything. He advised the labor union representatives that if they wish to help a cause then choose one, whether mental health or otherwise, and contribute to it solely.

Further aids the health and welfare department offers is

facility for information exchange between researchers and the publication of a magazine titled, Canada's Mental Health, which is important for conveying messages, Mrs. Wattie said.

POOR USE OF MONEY

Many of the social "care type" programs are an arena for self-expression and ego-trips for the people involved, Dr. Lemieux said. These programs take money from people such as psychotics who really need it.

It is a question of courage, he said. Money should not be given to psychoanalysts dealing with people under stress for such things as a loss of shares in a company. It should be given to people who are really unable to help themselves but these people are usually unattractive to society and do not receive what they need.

Community education is required to dispell Cuckoos Nest misconception

The "cuckoo's nest" concept of mental institutions needs to be reviewed.

In an effort to educate the problems of mental institutions in Ontario today a conference was presented by the Niagara Regional Psychiatric Services Committee and Niagara College Nov. 5, at the college.

Fred Habermehl, dean, health sciences, opened the conference saying it was important that the

community be aware of problems.

The community college should co-operate with the community in a broader sense, aiding in the educational process of citizens who will eventually be responsible for funding research projects in the mental health fields.

Speaking at the conference were Dr. Paul Cakuls, program director of the Niagara Region Unit; Dr. Marcel Lemieux, medi-

cal director, Psychiatric Hospital, and Brenda Wattie, director, mental health division, health programs branch, Health and Welfare Canada.

The conference, arranged by G. Allan Chanady, co-ordinator of the conference, and Eleanor Colquhoun, chairperson of the community conference committee, covered research funds, attitudes of society concerning the mentally ill and new developments in treatments.

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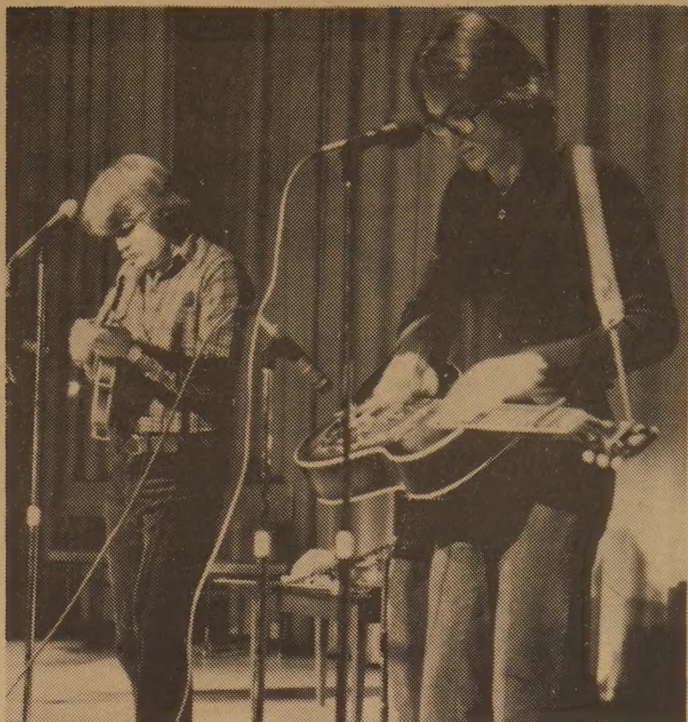
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Ricky Scaggs on mandolin and Jerry Douglas on dobro go through their paces. Ricky has played with big names such as Linda Rondstadt and David Bromberg. Jerry was awarded the top award for dobro in 1977. (Photo by F. Skrzyszewski)

Beer bottles banged for Boone Creek bluegrass

By FRANCIS SKRZYSZEWSKI

Individually and jointly the finest group of bluegrass musicians to play in this area, Boone Creek drew only a modest number of people to their performance in St. Catharines Nov. 16.

Hampered by a PA system too small to fill the large acoustically arid Polish Legion hall, Boone Creek impressed the small audience enough to cause a substantial ruckus in demands of an encore.

Boone Creek raced through up-tempo bluegrass tunes, lead breaks cutting in and out with precision. They flowed along in the gospel tunes, four part harmonies reverberating — sweet and mellow — through the hall.

The boys, on a Canadian tour, come from various parts of the United States and each has a long list of credentials. Their performance testifies to the fact that many big names have required their talents.

At age 22, Ricky Scaggs, founder of Boone Creek, has played on 35 albums working with such notables as Linda Rondstadt, Jesse Winchester, David Bromberg, Ralph Stanley and Emmylou Harris.

WINS BLUEGRASS AWARD

The 1977 Bluegrass award for best dobro player went to both Jerry Douglas of Boone Creek

and Mike Auldridge of the Seldom Scene, Jerry's quick finger-picking rolls made people take notice when he soloed.

PLAYS SOLID RHYTHM

Wes Golding, a prolific writer and lead singer for Boone Creek, plays both a solid rhythm and some mighty-fine flat picking. It was easy to appreciate why he was considered the most promising guitar player by Mule Skinner magazine. The largely bluegrass-devotee audience applauded after each of his solos.

An extra fast version of Foggy Mountain proved Terry Baucom, who originally joined Boone Creek as a fiddle player, is more than capable of playing banjo. He also added the low singing parts to the harmonies.

While these four members of Boone Creek remained stationary throughout the night, Steve Bryant roamed around the stage playing electric bass. His manual dexterity on bass solos would make many an electric guitar player envious.

From Ricky's spirited mandolin and smooth fiddle to Steve's bass, pounding and driving the bottom of the music into the spines of the audience, Boone Creek is a technically exceptional group. Serious bluegrass enthusiasts are urged to follow the trail of Boone Creek; a chance to hear them is recommended.

For Frank Canino there's no business like show business

By NANCY LIEBAU

Frank Canino likes to run the show. As a professional director of theatre, his work largely determines the finished product, a responsibility Mr. Canino seems to enjoy thoroughly.

From home base in Toronto, Mr. Canino's talents bloom on many outstretching branches of theatre, taking him as far as England, Europe and Africa.

He is a small man, packed with energy and enthusiasm for his job and backed by enviable experiences that have built his character to incredible heights.

Awards he scarcely mentioned in revealing his past include those for best director, best production and best designer in such productions as Romeo and Juliet and Leaving Home.

Professional training in voice, singing, modern dance, ballet, jazz, yoga, mime, directing and acting is reinforced by degrees in drama, English and humanities. Apart from directing, "modern dance is the heaviest thing, really," Mr. Canino said. "I used to act a great deal — much less so now."

Mr. Canino also coaches voice and movement, training actors according to the Warren-Linklater system "primarily for speech rather than singing. I think singing and dance are a therapeutic hobby."

Another hobby he indulges in is collecting albums. "I enjoy everything from modern music to show albums to Shakespeare."

Asked whether he gets much time to enjoy his collection, Mr. Canino admitted that he has been busy, especially in the last little while. Any spare time is spent

doing "a lot of reading. More and more I'm getting interested in books like history and biography, and I'd like to get into politics and economics."

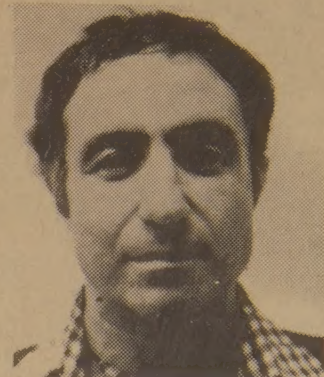
His career has led him to various universities and festivals, involving him in plays, musicals, opera, children's theatre, video, film, mime, choreography, university theatre and community theatre.

Mr. Canino attends a lot of plays being directed by someone other than himself. "I enjoy them, but of course I can be critical at times," he smiled.

When he spoke of his next project, Mr. Canino's voice bubbled in excited anticipation. "We're rehearsing a play about Van Gogh and Gauguin, two artists who lived together in Arles, France, for about two months." The story deals with the brief period they lived together, during which time one becomes mentally unbalanced and tries to kill the other. Mr. Canino will be directing and co-ordinating the play, which will be called *The Yellow House at Arles*. "It will eventually be in Toronto — hopefully we'll be touring with it sometime in February."

A grant from Theatre Ontario recently brought Frank Canino to Welland, where he directed the Welland Little Theatre production of W. S. Gilbert's *Engaged*.

Engaged to be a funny play, having a style rarely seen any more. "It has a very enjoyable script, the accent being on language rather than on acting. This play you really have to listen to, as it's more of a verbal farce than anything else. There is a great



FRANK CANINO

deal of rhetoric — the characters can't say something in one or two words that could be said in many. This creates a humorous over-expression of the characters."

A smile spread across his face as he recalled laughable incidents during the rehearsals for *Engaged*. "Props always suggest funny things that happen. For example, using a pistol in rehearsal can look very threatening. And the way these sentences are structured, dropped or interchanged words change the entire context, having a comical effect."

Mr. Canino said *Engaged* took four weeks and one day of rehearsal. "A project like this is usually done in six weeks. Time is really the great problem. There's only so much you can accomplish when the pressure is that close."

Frank Canino's work as a director has already brought spicy variety into his life. To keep up such an exciting pace which complements his character, frankly, has him headed in the right direction.

Difference between care and cure of utmost importance to mentally ill

The distinction between care and cure relates to the mentally ill is of utmost importance, Dr. Marcel Lemieux, medical director of the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, told a public conference on mental health at Niagara College Nov. 1.

Care, the social type of treatment for the mentally ill, gratifies those people giving the care more than the sick person, Dr. Lemieux said. Psychosis, characterized by a disintegration of personality and an inability to relate to others, is a type of mental insanity that has to be dealt with in a way different from treatment for lesser illnesses.

Recent trends in society call for the freedom of the individual and the assurance of equal rights for all, he said. This trend which resulted in greatly decreased numbers of patients in the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital — 2,100 patients in 1951 and only 480 patients in 1976 — caused Dr. Lemieux to wonder if the community has become the asylum.

BEST OF TIMES

During his speech, Dr. Lemieux gave the history of the insane asylum. Social attitudes have ranged from the "best of times" where for 200 years during the 18th and 19th centuries mental institutions were developed to mitigate the misery of the lunatic, to the "worst of times" where patients are discharged to go to live in rundown hotels and rooming houses with

no supervision. These people are not cured, he said.

Before the turn of the century, 10 per cent of the psychotics admitted for treatment were syphilitic, Dr. Lemieux said. The penicillin was discovered and this segment of the mentally ill was cured. This type of cure can only come about through research and professional treatment; this is what Dr. Lemieux says he wants people to understand.

Asked whether he thought

people should look to the government for financial support of the research programs, Dr. Lemieux said, "I'm not looking at government, I'm looking at you."

In response to questions concerning the anti-psychiatric movement, Dr. Lemieux said these movements are recurring which can be dangerous to the psychotic who may find himself hallucinating on a street somewhere because public opinion was wrong.

NC cuts hours to save \$

Technology programs may have three fewer credit hours by September, 1978, Dr. William Stuart, dean of technology, said.

All technology programs have 27 credit hours and, as a means of saving money, they may be cut to 24 credit hours.

"I feel it's a good idea," Dr. Stuart said, "The students would have more time to work on their own, studying and doing things related to the program."

The cost of operation is going up and the budget cuts are being felt everywhere, he said.

There is anxiety among some of the faculty about reducing hours, he said. They feel it will weaken their programs. The majority of the faculty accept the

cut.

"The college has no resources to draw on," Dr. Stuart said. "It means either eliminating a program or two or cutting the hours."

Students do not want a watered-down program but one with lots of hours, he said. They will weigh the program with sister colleges and will likely choose the one with the most credit hours. Accreditation is a worry when other colleges are not cutting hours.

The staff has come up with some ideas for saving money which may be better than reducing hours. "They may have been voiced before but not listened to," Dr. Stuart said.

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'The Little Dutchman'

A childhood dream has come true for NC instructor

By WENDY CROOKER

Childhood memories and dedication have made a dream come true for Willy Le Coq, technology instructor at Niagara College.

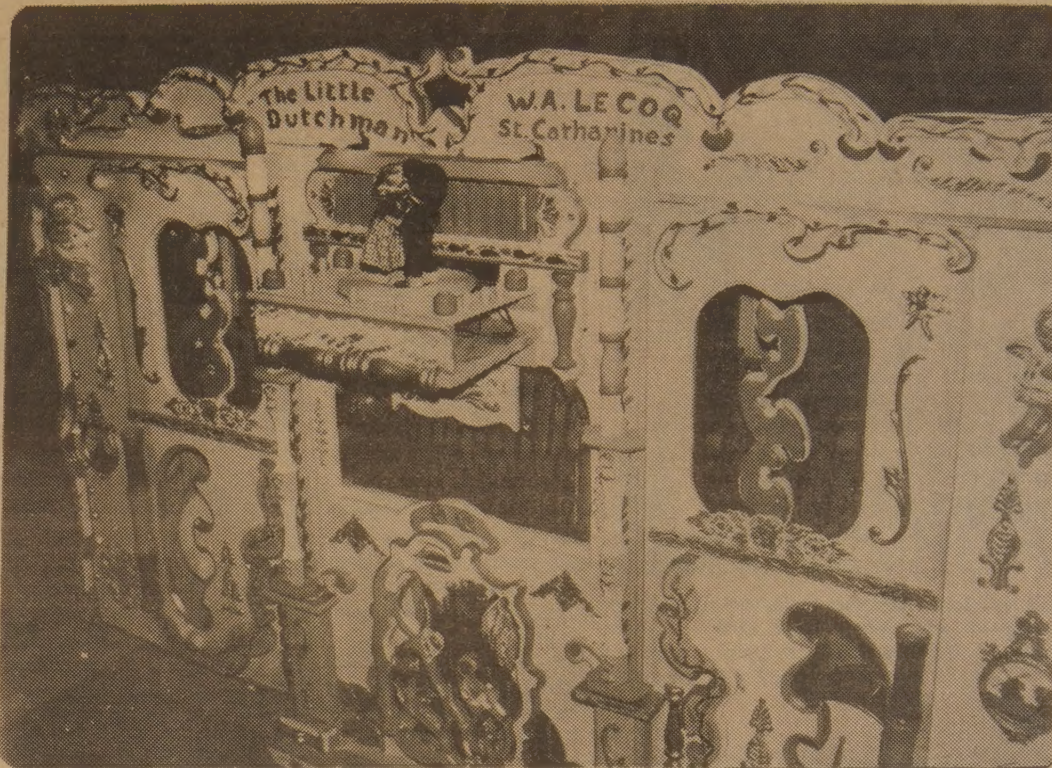
Mr. Le Coq has designed and built a replica of a Dutch organ which he calls "The Little Dutchman."

These organs (called draaiorgels meaning turning organs) originated in Italy but today can be found in France, Germany and Holland.

Before the Second World War there were as many as 2,000 of these organs in Holland. They would be set up on street corners and played for the enjoyment of the people. In earlier days they were powered by a large turning crank on the back, now they are motor-driven.

During the war the organs were not allowed on the streets and many were destroyed. About 400 were left at this time. The Dutch government now considers them historic objects and they cannot be exported without a permit, "and the permit is very hard to get," Mr. Le Coq adds.

Mr. Le Coq came to Canada 28 years ago from Zeeland, Holland, and has always had the desire to own his own organ. Because they are in such short supply and so expensive, he decided to make his own.



The whole organ is made from wood and decorated with painted cupids and flashing lights. It was two years in the making and took 800 man hours to complete. Mr. Le Coq keeps the organ in his home in St. Catharines.

TOOK 800 HOURS

"I've always loved them," Mr. Le Coq said and the 800 hours it took him to complete the organ didn't seem to be any kind of a deterrent. He finished the organ last May at a total cost of about \$2,000.

Mr. Le Coq said it would cost

close to \$30,000 to buy a draaiorgel today.

Most of the difficulty Mr. Le Coq experienced was in the sanding, then painting, sanding, and painting again. The whole organ is made of wood and decorated with colorfully painted cupids, flashing lights and a

six-inch Dutch couple ornately dressed in the country's costume, that dance as the music plays.

The music is played on an eight track tape player through six speakers and all the electronic equipment was made by Mr. Le Coq. The organ stands seven

feet high by five feet wide.

"The Little Dutchman" has been on display at the Fairview Mall in St. Catharines and at the Club Netherlands for their Open House. "I love to watch the expressions on the faces of the children," Mr. Le Coq said.

\$10,000 ASKING PRICE

Mr. Le Coq rents the organ out to different festivities for \$100 a day. He has had an offer from an import store which is interested in buying it but he isn't interested in selling it right now, he said. If and when he does decide to sell it, his asking price will be \$10,000.

Mr. Le Coq is in the process of writing a book on hypnotism. His father was an expert on tropical diseases in the early 1900's and he has always been exposed to hypnotism. "I don't practise it in public, but do help friends with smoking and other general problems," he said.

Does hypnotism really work? "It certainly does," Mr. Le Coq says.

Mr. Le Coq works on his book in his spare time and is considering making a course of it. He is on page 39 and expects the book to be about 400 pages long.

Mr. Le Coq was formerly an instructor at the Welland Vale centre but was moved to the main campus with the electronics students. "I enjoy it here," he said. There are a few disadvantages like leaking windows but other than that things are fine."

Hard-working ERT students hosts at counsellors' meeting

Educational resource technician (ERT) students were hosts at the Ontario Counsellors' Association (OSCA) meeting in Niagara Falls earlier this month.

Retraining students provided floral displays and corsages which dressed up both the gowns and tables and tourism students scheduled tours for bored spouses.

Organization of the meeting "was good publicity on behalf of the school and the program," Elvira Lucas, program co-ordinator, said.

ERT WERE HOSTS

ERT students held open doors, greeted, directed and registered people from all over Ontario

during the 3½-day conference.

Visitors who received grab bags or door prizes can thank these industrious students who, months before the conference, solicited businesses for donations of such things as pencils, paper, matches and golf tees.

When not working in shifts of five hours apiece the ERT students attended workshops which were "very interesting," and useful because some will be working in school workshops in the future.

Mrs. Lucas said she suspects they were contacted to put the conference together because Elizabeth Ferguson, a Niagara counsellor, was on the planning committee and because the girls

take a unit on how to organize conferences. This experience provided a practical follow-up.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Retraining students took part in the arrangements, as they turned their green thumbs to floral displays in which daisies, mums and fern predominated.

"We approached Al Aboud, student services director, about getting flowers and corsages which made the tables look attractive," Mrs. Lucas said.

Tours to Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, a shopping plaza and the scenic tour of Niagara Falls were offered by tourism students, but response was poor.



Here, five of the award winners display their Red Cross certificates. Back row, left to right, are Jennifer Cormier, Jack Galbraith, Frank Taylor, Fred Habermehl, Jim Boyd. Front row, left to right, are Ban Blakier, Sue Nicholas and Spencer Tighe. (Photo by MacMillan)

EMCA students get awards

"This is a first for Niagara College and a first for Red Cross," said Jack Galbraith, Red Cross branch chairman and regional examiner, before the presentation of the Red Cross first aid awards to 12 Ambulance and Emergency Care students at the college on Wed., Nov. 16.

Following a 16-hour program, the students were examined and found proficient in standard Canadian Red Cross procedure and were presented their certificates by Gordon Krueger, provincial director, first aid services for the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Also on hand to congratulate the students was Fred Habermehl, dean, school of health sciences at Niagara. This was the first time the course was offered and the first time that the Red Cross has been involved in such a program at the college, he said.

WORK 12 MONTHS

The students are Called Emergency Medical Care Assistants (EMCA) because, following graduation, they must work 12 consecutive months in an ambulance service before they are

eligible to write the provincial EMCA exam, according to program co-ordinator and instructor, Jennifer Cormier, RN.

The course is for a full year and aside from college instruction there is weekly field practice with ambulance and hospital work. Students have their land radio operator's licenses and are members of Assistants of Casualty Care Personnel, which works with the Kidney Foundation.

The students participate in cardiac pulmonary respiration instruction and go to 'skid school' for emergency driver training.

"We have great participation from the hospitals and ambulance services," said Frank Taylor, one of the award recipients, "and the single year may go to two as the government is now concentrating on getting us out into the working field."

Most of the 12 students receiving awards had had previous experience and regard the program as the first step towards becoming paramedics, Frank said



Educational Resource Technicians Erica Klassen, Cathy Dunn, Deborah McNeil, Rob Gardiner and Denise Flannigan busy themselves with registration at the Ontario School Counsellors' Association meeting which drew members from all over Ontario to Niagara Falls.